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FIVE BOWLING GREEN RESIDENTS INDICTED
ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

– Two also charged with firearms offenses

BOWLING GREEN, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green returned an indictment on September 12, 2007, against **Brittany Nicole Filiatreau**, age 21, **Michael Jamarr Morrow**, age 24, **Jamie Joel Murrell**, age 22, **Ronnie Joe Murrell, Jr.**, age 29, and **Dominic Antonio Patterson**, age 21, all of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, on charges of conspiracy to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Morrow is also being charged with using and carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime. Jamie Murrell has an additional charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The Indictment alleges that, on fourteen separate occasions, one or more of the five named defendants intentionally and knowingly distributed and possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Huber praised the Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force for their efforts. "Once again, this outstanding regional drug task force is attacking a major crack problem in the Bowling Green / Warren County area."

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties for all are life

imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no less than 5 years. The maximum potential penalties for Jamie Murrell are an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no less than 10 years.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Specifically, the defendants are charged on certain dates with distributing and intending to distribute crack cocaine: on or about and between October 12, 2006, and March 16, 2007 in Warren County, the above-named individuals conspired with each other and others to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, worth at least \$5,000 on the street; that on or about October 12, 13, and December 12, 2006, Ronnie Murrell, Jr. knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine; that on or about October 16, November 13, and December 15, 2006, Morrow knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and that on November 13, 2006, Morrow possessed a 7.62 caliber rifle during and in relation to this drug trafficking crime; that on or about November 16, 2006, Jamie Murrell knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine; that on or about March 16, 2007, Filiatreau knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine; that on or about November 7, 9, and 10, 2006, Patterson knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, worth at least \$500 on the street; that on or about October 19, and November 22, 2006, Morrow knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, worth at least \$500 on the street; that on or about November 27, 2006, Ronnie Murrell knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with

intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, worth at least \$500 on the street; and that on or about October 30, 2006, Jamie Murrell, a convicted felon (2nd degree burglary), knowingly possessed a .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

All of the defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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